

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re:	)	Case No. 16-17117
	)	Jointly Administered
NETWORK SALON SERVICES LLC,	)	
	)	Chapter 7
Debtor.	)	
	)	Honorable Jacqueline P. Cox
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	)	<b>Hearing Date: June 13, 2019</b>
	)	<b>Hearing Time: 9:30 a.m.</b>
	)	<b>Room No.: 680</b>

**COVER SHEET FOR SECOND AND FINAL APPLICATION OF ALAN D. LASKO &  
ASSOCIATES, P.C FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES**

Name of Applicant:	<u>Alan D. Lasko &amp; Associates, P.C.</u>
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	<u>Frances Gecker, Chapter 7 Trustee of the Estates of Network Salon Services LLC and Anthia R.Hill</u>
Period for Which Compensation is Sought:	<u>July 20, 2017 through February 26, 2019</u>
Amount of Fees Sought:	<u>\$ 689.50</u>
Amount of Expense Reimbursement Sought:	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
This is a:	<u>Second and Final Fee Application</u>

The aggregate amount of fees and expenses *paid* to the Applicant to date for services rendered and expenses incurred herein is: \$ 6,108.66.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on **June 13, 2019** at **9:30 a.m.**, soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, I shall appear before the Honorable Jacqueline P. Cox in her usual Courtroom No. 680, in the Dirksen Federal Courthouse, 219 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, or in her absence, before any other judge who may be sitting in her place or stead, and shall then and there present **Second and Final Application of Alan D. Lasko & Associates, P.C. for Allowance of Compensation and Expenses.**

Dated: April 17, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES GECKER, not individually but as  
Chapter 7 Trustee of the bankruptcy estate of  
NETWORK SALON SERVICES, LLC,

By: /s/ Frances Gecker  
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**SECOND AND FINAL APPLICATION  
OF ALAN D. LASKO & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES**

ALAN D. LASKO AND ALAN D. LASKO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. ("ADLPC"), Certified Public Accountants, request second and final compensation of \$689.50 for the time period from July 20, 2017 through February 26, 2019. A detail is provided herein for the Estate, which identifies by subject matter the services performed by the Applicant. Additional detail is provided to reflect the function and individual performing said services. Lastly, each individual's classification and hourly rate is also reflected. In addition, attached is the Affidavit pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2016.

**INTRODUCTION**

This Court has jurisdiction over this Second and Final Fee Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are Sections 328, 330 and 331 of Title 11 of the United States Code (11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532, the "Bankruptcy Code"), as supplemented by Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), Rule 5082-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (the "Local Rules"), the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 promulgated by the United States Department of Justice, dated on January 30, 1996 (the "UST Guidelines").

Under Rule 2016(b), the Firm has not shared, nor agreed to share, (a) any compensation it has received or may receive in these cases with another person or party other than the Firm's associates, and other employees, or (b) any compensation another person or party has received or may receive in these cases.

#### **GENERAL**

The Debtor filed a petition under Chapter 7 on or about May 20, 2016. A Trustee was subsequently appointed. On November 1, 2016, Alan D. Lasko & Associates, P.C. was approved by the Court as the accountants for the Trustee. Reflected in this fee petition is the Applicant's time to determine whether the Estate needed a return prepared. A tax return was not needed for the Estate.

**FEE APPLICATION**

The fees sought by this Second and Final Fee Application reflect an aggregate of 3.6 hours of ADLPC's time spent and recorded in performing services during the Second and Final Compensation Period. This fee request does not include time that might be construed as duplicative or otherwise not beneficial to the Trustee or the Debtor's Estate, which has already been eliminated by ADLPC. In accordance with the factors enumerated in Section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, the amount of fees requested is fair and reasonable given: (a) the complexity of this case, (b) the time expended, (c) the nature and extent of the services rendered (d), the value of such services, and (e) the costs of comparable services other than in a case under the Bankruptcy Code.

All of the services for which second and final compensation is sought were rendered solely in connection with this case, in furtherance of the duties and functions of the Trustee and not on behalf of any individual creditor or other person.

ADLPC has not entered into any agreement, express or implied, with any other party for the purpose of fixing or sharing fees or other compensation to be paid for professional services rendered in this case.

ADLPC has not shared, or agreed to share (a) any compensation it has received or may receive with another party or person, other than with the associates of the Firm, or (b) any compensation another person or party has received or may receive. No promises have been received by ADLPC as to compensation in connection with this case other than in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

**BREAKDOWN BY CATEGORIES**

The categories in this Application as listed below:

**BILLING**

The Applicant has incurred 0.60 hour in the preparation of this fee Application.

Cost \$62.50

A recap of compensation for this category is as follows:

	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A. Lasko	0.10	\$ 300.00	\$ 30.00
C. Wilson, Staff	0.50	65.00	32.50
	<u>0.60</u>		<u>\$ 62.50</u>

**TAX PREPARATION**

The Applicant incurred 3.00 hours in gathering information to determine that the Estate did not need an income tax return. The work also included the preparation of the Estate's information tax returns.

Cost \$627.00

A recap of compensation for this category is as follows:

	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A. Lasko	1.50	\$ 300.00	\$ 450.00
K. Seyller, Accounting Supervisor	0.30	210.00	63.00
M. Ross, Staff	1.20	95.00	114.00
	<u>3.00</u>		<u>\$ 627.00</u>

The Applicant reflects hourly rates and hours worked by each person by function. The recap also reflects the cost of each function performed. In order to assist the Court and parties in interest to evaluate this fee request, your Applicant has reflected below the range of rates charged by staff level.

Owner	\$290	-	\$300
Manager/Director	260	-	300
Supervisors	190	-	290
Senior	140	-	190
Assistant	65	-	140

To provide an orderly and meaningful summary of the services rendered by ADLPC in accordance with its employment, ADLPC has summarized the services provided by the project billing categories for its second and final fee period are as follows:

<u>Recap by Project</u>	<u>First Interim Application</u>	<u>Second and Final Application</u>	<u>Total</u>
Billing	\$ 123.00	\$ 62.50	\$ 185.50
Tax Preparation	424.00	627.00	1,051.00
Analyses	<u>5,559.23</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,559.23</u>
Net Request	<u>\$ 6,106.23</u>	<u>\$ 689.50</u>	<u>\$ 6,795.73</u>

<u>Recap by Hour</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Blended Rate</u>
Billing	1.80	\$ 185.50	\$ 103.06
Tax Preparation	4.90	1,051.00	\$ 214.49
Analyses	19.37	5,559.23	\$ 287.00
	<u>26.07</u>	<u>\$ 6,795.73</u>	<u>\$ 260.67</u>

### **EXPENSES**

It is the Firm's policy to charge its clients in all areas of practice for identifiable, non-overhead expenses incurred in connection with the client's case that would not have been incurred except for representation of that particular client. It is the Firm's policy to charge its client only the amount actually incurred by the Firm in connection with such items. Examples of such expenses are postage, overnight mail, courier delivery, transportation, airfare, meals, and lodging.

	<u>First Interim Application Tax Preparation</u>
Postage	<u>\$ 2.43</u>

The Applicant has received its First Interim compensation of \$6,106.23 and expenses of \$2.43 for the time period November 1, 2016 through July 19, 2017.

### **ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION**

The foregoing professional services rendered during the Compensation Period were necessary and appropriate to the administration of the Chapter 7 case and was in the best interests of the parties in interest. Compensation for the foregoing services as requested is commensurate with the



complexity, importance, and nature of the problems, issues, or tasks involved. ADLPC has taken significant efforts to ensure that the professional services were performed with expedience and in an efficient manner and without duplication of effort.

Section 330 provides that a court may award a professional employed under Section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code "reasonable compensation for actual necessary services rendered . . . and reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses." 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1). Section 330 also sets forth the criteria for the award of such compensation and reimbursement:

In determining the amount of reasonable compensation to be awarded, the court should consider the nature, the extent, and the value of such services, taking into account all relevant factors, including.

- (A) the time spent on such services;
- (B) the rates charged for such services;
- (C) whether the services were necessary to the administration of, or beneficial at the time the service was rendered toward the completion of, a case under this title;
- (D) whether the services were performed within a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problem, issue or task addressed; and
- (E) whether the compensation is reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under this title.

Id. § 330(a)(3).

In the instant case, ADLPC respectfully submits that the services for which it seeks compensation in this Second and Final Fee Application were necessary for and beneficial to the Trustee's efforts in administering the Debtor's Estate, and necessary to and in the best interests of the Debtor's Estate. ADLPC further submits that the compensation requested herein is reasonable in light of the nature, extent, and value of such services provided to the Trustee and the Debtor's Estate.

The rates charged by ADLPC in this case are standard for any bankruptcy matter, and are identical to the rate it would charge throughout the country in any bankruptcy case of this size and prominence.

In sum, the services rendered by ADLPC were necessary and beneficial to the Debtor's Estate, and were consistently performed in a timely manner commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the issues involved. As shown by this Second and Final Fee Application and supporting exhibits, ADLPC incurred professional time economically and without unnecessary duplication of effort. In addition, the work involved, and thus the time expended, was carefully assigned in view of the experience and expertise required for a particular task. Accordingly, approval of the Second and Final compensation sought herein for the Compensation Period is warranted.

**CONCLUSION AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

Based upon the foregoing, your Applicant submits that the relief requested is justified in the circumstances and its allowance would be appropriate. Therefore, the requested second and final compensation of \$689.50 should be allowed for services by your Applicant for the period July 20, 2017 through February 26, 2019.




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FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
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Alan D. Lasko

Subscribed and Sworn to before me  
this 1st day of April, 2019.

  
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Notary Public

